

DEVELOPING AN INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN FY2003 REPORT

Timpanogos Cave National Monument

Summary

An integrated pest management plan (IPM) is being developed according to NPS guidelines, and pertinent state regulations and will address the NPS nine step IPM process. This plan will address pest management in each of the following areas of the park: Visitor Center, Park Housing, Maintenance Facility, Restroom Facilities, Concessions, Resource Management Office, and Administrative Office. Specific pests to be addressed may include but are not restricted to the following: Exotic plant species (Dalmation toadflax, Spotted knapweed, Tall fescue, Bulbous Bluegrass, etc.) Exotic animal species (House Sparrow, etc.) Invertebrate pests (tent caterpillars, ants, yellow jackets, etc.) Native vertebrate pests (mice, rats, snakes, ringtails, skunks, gophers, etc.) Native plant pests (roots in sewer lines, algae in the caves, etc.).

Progress

An IPM plan was drafted and is currently being reviewed by the management team at Timpanogos Cave National Monument. By Spring 2004, the plan is expected to be signed and fully implemented.

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